

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council  | Item ID  | 18525       | Agenda Number                     | 15. |
| Meeting Date:  | 10/11/2012   | Department: | Economic Growth and Redevelopment |     |
| Subject  |  |             |                                   |     |
| <p>Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with 220 DESIGNS INC. for artwork for the Art Bollard Sleeves 2nd Street Bridge and Extension (West Avenue to Shoal Creek) Art in Public Places Project in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.</p> |  |             |                                   |     |
| Amount and Source of Funding   |  |             |                                   |     |
| <p>Funding in the amount of \$65,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.</p>  |  |             |                                   |     |
| Fiscal Note  |  |             |                                   |     |
| <p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>  |  |             |                                   |     |
| Purchasing Language:   |  |             |                                   |     |
| Prior Council Action:  |  |             |                                   |     |
| For More Information:  | Kevin Johns, Director / EGRSO, 974-7802; Meghan Turner, Art in Public Places Administrator / EGRSO, 974-9314 |             |                                   |     |
| Boards and Commission Action:  | Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission.   |             |                                   |     |
| MBE / WBE:   |  |             |                                   |     |
| Related Items:   |  |             |                                   |     |
| Additional Backup Information  |  |             |                                   |     |

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The City of Austin Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office (EGRSO) sought proposals from professional artists, designers or artist teams to create art bollard sleeves for traffic bollards planned for 2nd Street Bridge and Roadway Extension (Shoal Creek to West Avenue) Art in Public Places project in the Seaholm District. A traffic bollard is a solid object intended to separate the pedestrian way from the vehicular way; in this case the bollards will likely be 42" high and 6"-8" in diameter.

The goal of this project is to develop a work of contemporary art for the public that will enhance the experience of being a pedestrian, cyclist or driver on 2nd Street and be easily maintained and safe. The art bollard sleeves will meet minimum criteria, including being securable to prevent theft, be produced with durable material(s), and be able to withstand the elements and urban environment without degrading for a minimum of 15 years.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on May 17, 2012 to professional visual artists and artist teams, at least 18 years of age, who live within 50 miles of Austin. The Selection Panel met with Advisors on Monday, July 9, 2012 to review the 35 eligible responses submitted, including proposal images, images of past work, resume, and Letter of Interest. The Selection Panel voted unanimously for the artist Judd Graham (Manchaca, TX) to recommend to the AIPP Panel, and voted 2-1 to recommend the artist team of Clay Shortall, Will Meredith and Matt Fajkus (Austin, TX) as the alternate.

### **SELECTION PANEL**

- Charlton Lewis, Lecturer; University of Texas School of Architecture (Austin, TX)
- Jana Swec, visual artist (Austin, TX)
- Herman Dyal, FAIA, design strategist, architect, graphic designer (Austin, TX)

### **PROJECT ADVISORS**

- Humberto Rey, Urban Designer, Great Streets Program Coordinator
- Cynthia Jordan, Public Works Project Manager for New Central Library and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge + Extension (Shoal Creek to West Avenue) Project
- Kevin Sweat, Engineering Services Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge + Extension (Shoal Creek to West Avenue) Project
- Jaime Castillo, AIPP Panel Member and project liaison to the AIPP Panel
- David Cazares, MWM Group, Landscape Architect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge + Extension (Shoal Creek to West Avenue) Project